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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF IRRIGATION VISIT TO U.S.

1. AT INSTANCE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION, FOREIGN MINISTER
FAHMY'S OFFICE APPROACHED US JANUARY 21 WITH REQUEST THAT
MINISTER OF IRRIGATION ABU AL-ATTA AND DELEGATION OF TEN
PERSONS BE INVITED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR PURPOSE OF
STUDYING WATER CONTROL AND WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT
AT THE FOLLOWING SITES:

A) U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, DENVER

B) U.S. WATER WAY EXPERIMENT STATION, VICKSBURG

C) CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

D) CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (LONG BEACH)

E) UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION CONFIRMED TO US THAT MINISTER ABU AL-ATTA
HOPES THAT USG WOULD BE ABLE FUND HIS TRAVEL AND TRAVEL OF THOSE
ACCOMPANYING HIM.

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2. AID/CAIRO WILLING TO FUND UNDER TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

PROJECT, BUT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF SECRETARY BUTZ OR ADMINISTRATOR PARKER WERE ABLE TO OFFER OFFICIAL INVITATION TO THE MINISTER. INTEREST IN WATER RESOURCES IS, OF COURSE, HIGH ON BOTH JWG AND AID PRIOTIES. ALTHOUGH NO DATES FOR THE VISIT WERE GIVEN, LATE MARCH/EARLY APRIL WOULD BE A GOOD TIME FROM MINISTRY'S VIEWPOINT.

3. AID HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED TRAINING POSSIBILITIES WITH THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND FEELS THAT THIS VISIT COULD BE USEFUL IN DEVELOPING JOINT WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM.

4. WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE ABU AL-ATTA REPLY BY END OF NEXT WEEK IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
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